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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling all previous resolutions in which it called upon the international community to continue to render material, technical and financial assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Recalling also that the Security Council, in resolution 922 (1994) of 31 May 1994 and in subsequent resolutions adopted as from 2001, the President of the Security Council, in statements on Angola, and the General Assembly, in all of its resolutions on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, have, inter alia, called upon the international community to provide economic assistance to Angola,

Noting with concern the inadequate level of international assistance granted to Angola since the coming of peace,

Expressing concern at the increasing percentage of the national budget allocated to debt servicing,

Expressing concern also at the lack of reliable statistical information regarding the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, associated with the limited number of surveillance centres,

Noting with satisfaction the successful implementation of and effective compliance with the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol,[1]

[1] S/1994/1441, annex.

Bearing in mind that the main responsibility for improving the humanitarian situation and creating the conditions for long-term development and poverty reduction in Angola lies with the Government of Angola, together with, where appropriate, the participation of the international community,

Taking into account the initiatives taken by the Government of Angola to allocate the human, material and financial resources to improve the social and economic situation of the population and to address the humanitarian situation, and stressing the need to allocate more means to that end, with the cooperation of the international community,

Bearing in mind that the measures taken by the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation towards reconstruction, rehabilitation, social and economic stabilization, including the emergency measures, need to be strengthened in order to improve the precarious situation of vulnerable groups,

Noting the urgent need to address as well as to increase national efforts and international support for humanitarian mine-action activities, the resettlement of internally displaced persons and the return of refugees, and the disarmament, demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration of former combatants, as well as the reintegration of other vulnerable groups, so as to allow the country to tackle the social, economic and humanitarian crisis,

Recalling the first Round-Table Conference of Donors, held in Brussels from 25 to 27 September 1995, with a view to mobilizing funds for the Community Rehabilitation and National Reconciliation Programme and supporting the efforts made by the Government of Angola,

Welcoming the efforts made by donors and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to provide humanitarian, economic and financial assistance to Angola,

Recognizing the importance of international assistance in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Angolan economy and noting that an economically revived and democratic Angola will contribute to regional stability,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General;[2]

2. *Welcomes* the successful implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding additional to the Lusaka Protocol,[1] which ended hostilities in the country and created unprecedented conditions for the re-establishment and consolidation of peace in Angola;

3. *Recognizes* the efforts undertaken by the Government of Angola, with the support of the international community, to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and to continue to work towards ensuring the maintenance of the peace and national security so necessary for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and economic stabilization of the country and, in this context, encourages the Government, with the support of the international community, to continue its efforts, including increased budgetary allocations to the development sectors, to reduce poverty and to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

[2] A/59/293.

4. *Welcomes* the adoption of the poverty reduction strategy paper by the Government of Angola and urges the international community to provide full support for its implementation;

5. *Recognizes* the primary responsibility of the Government of Angola for the welfare of all of its citizens, including returning refugees and internally displaced persons, and calls upon Member States, in particular the donor community, to continue to support the remaining humanitarian needs in Angola and to assist with the return and resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons;

6. Stresses that debt relief can play a significant role in liberating resources that should be directed towards activities consistent with poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development and with the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals;

7. *Requests* all countries and international, regional and subregional financial institutions to provide their support to the Government of Angola, with a view to alleviating poverty and vulnerability, consolidating peace, democracy and economic stability throughout the country, and permitting the successful implementation of the economic development programmes of the Government;

8. *Requests* all national and international, regional and subregional financial institutions to provide their support to the Government of Angola, with a view to eradicating poverty, consolidating peace, democracy and economic stability throughout the country, and permitting the successful implementation of the economic development programmes and strategies;

9. *Welcomes* the continued commitment of the Government of Angola to improve governance, transparency and accountability in the management of public resources, and in this regard acknowledges the decision of Angola to accede to the African Peer Review Mechanism of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

10. *Recognizes* the progress made towards the adoption of an International Monetary Fund staff-monitored programme and encourages the Government and the Fund to continue to negotiate actively with a view to reaching an early agreement;

11. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Government of Angola to strengthening its democratic institutions and, in this connection, takes note of the adoption by the Government of the timetable for the holding of general elections and looks forward to its early approval, and calls upon Members States and international, regional and subregional organizations to provide financial and technical support in this regard;

12. *Requests* the Government of Angola, the United Nations and the international financial institutions to take all necessary steps for the preparation and successful organization of an international donors conference for long-term development and reconstruction, including special economic assistance;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community, the United Nations system, funds and programmes, and the governmental and non-governmental organizations that are participating in humanitarian assistance programmes in Angola, including in mine-action activities, and appeals for their continued contribution to humanitarian mine-action activities in a manner complementary to that of the Government;

14. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to donors and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes for the substantial assistance provided to Angola for the successful implementation of its economic development programme;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.